

Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

Commanders Update Briefing 10 June 2015



Col John Knowles
MER/CC



MER Staff Briefing



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Aerospace Education
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MER/HC

Lt Col Greg Hill



Top Accomplishments this Period

- May 2015
- Conducted CCRSC: 12 Chaplains; 2 CDIs.
- Continued processing applications for Chaplains and CDIs. Reminder: Applications must be staffed from Squadron Cdr, through Wing Chaplain and Wing Cdr, to Region Chaplain, who recommends action to NHQ HC. Please refer to CAPR 265-1.

Top Goals next Period

- June 2015
- Wing Commanders and Wing Chaplains urgently recruit CDIs per new CAPR 265-1 guidelines.
- Squadron Commanders and Wing Chaplains encourage HC/CDIs to submit Jan-Jun 2015 electronic HC or CDI report.
- Chaplain Corps support to Wing summer encampments.

Risks / Problems

- Lack of urgency to recruit CDIs or follow CAPR 265-1 guidelines.
- Lack of Chaplaincy coverage for summer encampments and Regional training events.
- Chaplaincy personnel not submitting Jan-Jun 2015 electronic reports accurately or on time.

Assistance Needed

- Recruitment and electronic reporting.
- TOP 3 GOALS: Conduct CCRSC with a maximum number of HC and CDIs; Each Squadron in MER have an assigned CDI or Chaplain by 1 Jan 2016; 100% reporting of HC/CDIs on semi-annual electronic reporting.



MER/IG

Maj Cheryl Fielitz-Scarborough



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Complaint resolution status is up to date.<input type="checkbox"/> SUI's being completed in each wing.<input type="checkbox"/> Inspection of Ramstein and Spangdahlem Squadrons in Germany.<input type="checkbox"/> Graduated from NSC.<input type="checkbox"/> IGSC and Summit a success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Wing IGs set budget for 2015-16.<input type="checkbox"/> Better use of Commendable rating in the SUI final report.<input type="checkbox"/> RCLS – organized<input type="checkbox"/> Next IG Conf call 23 June <p><u>Goals:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Well trained IG Corps2. No MER units in RED for SUI timeline3. Wing IGs submit budget, POA, Cont. books4. Comp Res conducted and closed in timely fashion.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> 6 of the 7 wings were represented in the IGSC and IG Summit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Another SM to attend RCLS to assist with transport issues and instruction.



MER/JA

Lt Col Tim Corrigan



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Provided counsel to the MER CC as requested</i>• <i>Provided legal counsel on-site at MERSAR (Lt Col Maxfield)</i>• <i>Provided “Acting” VAWG JA support</i>• <i>MER_JA@mer.cap.gov reaches all MER JAs simultaneously</i>• <i>Individual JA email addresses:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>tcorrigan@mer.cap.gov -- JA</i>• <i>mphillips@mer.cap.gov – Dep JA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reach out to MER Wing JAs -- invite them to participate in MER JA on-line meeting on Aug 5th</i>• <i>National Legal Officers College</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Lt Col Corrigan – attending</i>• <i>Maj Phillips – Instructing</i>• <i>Publish Best Practice Tip sheets on MER JA Webpage</i>
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>None</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>VA Wing is seeking a Wing JA</i>



MER/PA

Maj Brenda Reed



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed Masters DegreePacked up house to move back to StatesServing on NHQ PA committee to develop template for annual public affairs plans 6/15 UPDATE TO 2015 GOALS → → → <ol style="list-style-type: none">Facebook/Twitter posts daily; weekly posts to blog. Stats show increased engagement/followers continuesPAO work-group developing first moduleContinued to respond as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mid-year review of 2015 public affairs plans and goals for MER; focus on what areas require improvements; encourage wing PAOs to conduct similar review TOP THREE GOALS FOR 2015: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Daily online presence via social media.Create online PAO training materials.Mentor PAOs as requested through one-on-one counseling and/or PAO academies.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
None at this time	None at this time



MER/SE

Maj. Guy Butts



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Served as MER SAR College Air Operations Safety Officer➤ Served on MER SAR College Flight Line Supervisor Assistant Thursday thru Sunday May 2015➤ NC Wing USAF Graded SAR Evaluation served as Mission Safety Officer in Burlington NC from Friday thru Sunday May 2015➤ Oversaw aircraft refueling Operations at the MER SAR College➤ VA Wing USAF Graded SAR Evaluation served as Mission Safety Officer in Chesterfield VA from Thursday thru Sunday June 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 2015 Safety Blitz Data Compilation➤ Work with Capt. Newman to set-up MER Safety web page➤ Work with Capt. Newman to create MER email account and update my I-phone➤ Participate with VA Wing Cadet Encampment June 24 2015 Ft. Pickett VA➤ Work with MER Safety Officers to clear mishap reports in SMS System
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cadet personal injury most frequent mishap▪ Additional Cadet Safety Officers▪ Summer Cadet Encampments pose additional safety hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Utilization of online Hazard Reporting✓ Work with Capt. Newman to create MER Safety e-Mail account and set-up my I-Phone.



MER/A1

Lt Col Dave Friedenber



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From 1 May 2015 to 31 May 15:• Promotions processed - One USAF active duty promotion to CAP Lt Col.• One reduction in grade from CAP Major to CAP CMS based on current USAF rank.• One duty promotion to Lt Col.• Awards Processed – Seven RCCA for NatCAP Wing for the MER/VA/DC conference in 2014.• One level five for MER staffer in PD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To continue processing awards and promotions as they arrive.• Turn over primary duties to incoming A1 - Major James Brogan, currently the DA/DP for NatCAP Wing. This will take effect on 16 Jun 15.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are currently no risks or problems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None required at this time.



MER/A4

Lt Col David Oldham



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MER SAR 2015 with Logistics and Vehicle Transportation• MER Annual Logistics Audit will be coming up in the next 90 days. There is no date set at this time. Prepare your vehicle and/or aircraft for inspection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are new laptops coming in. No indication when the new laptops will be delivered. I have no new information from NHQ as of today.
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>



MER/A5/8 Plans and Programs

Lt Col Haertel



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial CUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Establish relationships, roles, and expectations.Refine duty descriptions and fill section.Attend MER Flight Academy (Safety Officer)
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>



MER/A7E Col Trick



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to work with Wing DAEs• Two New STEM kits coming• MER School Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Augment AE Staff<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DCS AE• Internal AE• External AEO• Begin MER AEO School Planning for 2016
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	



DCS/CP (A7O)

Lt Col Dan Brodsky



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confirmed lodging and on-base activities for CLS NorthAttended VAWG conference, gave presentation on new NCC rulesExtended CLS application deadline to June 15<ul style="list-style-type: none">21 students for CLS North, 15 students for CLS South	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wing CP/DDR teleconference on June 28<ul style="list-style-type: none">Focus will be on wing and region cadet competitionsSchedule another cadet protection summary conversation for any last-minute stragglers
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">None	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None



MER/A7P Col Trick



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to work with Wing PDs• National Staff College conducted• New 50-17 released	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get members to other region's Staff Colleges• Get more members to Level V• Have all MER Staff Complete New CPPT
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RSC cancelled	



MER/FM

Lt Col Phyllis Griffin



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed bank reconciliations for May• Processed all requests for payment/deposits• Processed monthly credit card bill• SAR College finances• AEO School finances• IG School Finances• HGA Finances & Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serve as Finance/Admin for HGA• Process all requests for payment/deposits• Reconcile bank accounts• Process credit card bill• Train assistant to do credit card
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get assistant more involved



MER Command Staff Briefing



- Chief Of Staff
- Vice Commander East
- Vice Commander West
- Region Commander



MER/CS

Col Eugene Egry



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MER SAR College – IC Course Instructor / Ranger Course – tested students for Ranger grade• MER Wing Commander's Call 18 MAY• New A5/8 – Lt Col Eric Haertel (MDWG)• New assistant A6 – Lt Col Jim Friel (DEWG)• New Assistant A1 (effective mid-June) – Maj James Brogan (DCWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with A7 to find new A7E, A7EI, A7EX• Establish MER Staff to Wing Staff Conference Calls. Minimum Quarterly• Work with A5/8 to put together MER Staff Retreat / Strategic Planning Session• Work with A1 and A9 to use SERTIFI for MER Awards and Promotions
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overdue “top 3” goals from MER Staff• Full self-service in ownCloud for all MER Staff Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need help finding new A7E, A7EI, A7EX



MER/CV-E

Col Jerry Weiss



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represented National Commander at a JROTC Worldwide Kick Off Event• Completed the MER OTY Awards• Attended the VAWG Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and have Vendor make FY14 OTY Awards• Finalize 2016 MER Conference Location• MER SAR College• Work with CAP-USAF to plan, conduct and evaluate Joint OPS EVAL (NC,VA,WV)• Brief NGB J7 – UAV Escorts• Meet with VA TAG• Work new Aircraft assignments• Visit Tri-Wing and VA Wings Encampments
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FY15 – Tng Budget thru FY• FY16 Training Plan• FY16 ATP (Strategic Plan)



Vice Commander – West Col Dennis Barron



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<p>Out of the Region from June 6 to June 16</p> <p>Attended the Congressional Medal Ceremony for the WV Wing on May 30th</p> <p>Assisting with the planning of the WV Wing Summer Encampment – June 19 – 27</p>	<p>Attend the National Conference</p>
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
<p>None at this time!</p>	<p>None at this time!</p>



MER/CC

Col John Knowles



- **Staff Plays a Vital Role In EVERYTHING we do in the MER**
- **Some “To Do’s” for Staff**
 - **“Meet” with your Wing Counterparts (List Meetings on your CUB)**
 - **Think About the 2016 OTY (all year long – make some notes)**
 - **Work on Your Replacement (Leadership 101)**
 - **Submit Quality CUB slides (tell me what I can do to help)**
- **You are the SME for the Region (keep up on the job)**
- **How Are Your ATP Goals Coming?**
- **Keep Your Commander Out of Trouble (it’s a tough job but someone has to do it) 😎**
- **2016 – Separate MER Conference – Plan Today!**
- **Assist me in training new Region/CC**